

July 20, 2023

A Special Meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Marc Dick. Members present: Chuck Mehlbrech, Dean Koch, Steve Gordon, and Charles Liesinger.

Chairman Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dick called for approval of the agenda. Motion by Koch to approve the agenda as posted. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Public comment: Roger Hofer was absent.

Conflict of Interest: none.

Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, informed the Board that Cell Phone Allowance forms have been completed by the Hwy Dept employees and \$25 stipend will be paid to each employee beginning in August. For payroll purposes, the employees will now record jobs/projects on timecards through their cell phones.

Motion made by Koch to enter Executive Session at 9:15 a.m., SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, was present. Chairman Dick declared out of Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

Jess Klinkhammer, CHN Secretary, informed the Commission that the State is making changes with separation of WIC and Community Health. Auditor Sherman noted that there has been no correspondence from the Dept of Health informing the County of these changes. Klinkhammer- we are supposed to learn more about it next week. The Board asked Klinkhammer to keep them informed.

Comm Mehlbrech left the meeting.

Stacey Sieverding, 4-H Youth Program Advisor, and Kevin Blagg, Fair Board Member, met with the Board to review the Extension and Fair Board budgets. Blagg- there is possibility of erecting a small office type building at the Fair Grounds next year but not sure what funds might be available after building the beef barn. Auditor Sherman- the 2024 budget can be added to up until the final meeting in September. Blagg will let the Auditor's Office know a dollar amount when he has final numbers provided to him.

Fred Butzke, Soil Conservation District, reviewed the proposed expenses and income for 2023, noting that they are requesting county support of \$15000 for 2024, same as past few years.

Comm Mehlbrech rejoined the meeting.

Brian Loken, LifeQuest, presented request for county support to remain at \$2880 for 2024. LifeQuest supports people with developmental disabilities in a variety of ways, including helping them participate in community activities and finding jobs in the community, integrating living, work, and play.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, and Sean Hegyi, Secog Transportation/Land Use Planner, joined the meeting. Kaufmann told Board that she wanted to remind them of the (blue book) that was put together for them and can be used when they work on updates to the zoning regulations. The book contains the existing 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations, Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, and Ordinances 2020-04, 2020-05, 2020-06, along with notes for revision purposes. Kaufmann introduced Sean Hegyi, Secog Planner, to the Board. Kaufmann explained the upcoming hearing regarding a CAFO moratorium to Hegyi. Discussion turned to whether to place a moratorium on solar farms, until the regulations can be reviewed. Liesinger- don't want you telling me what I can do on my property, adopt regulations and work with them. Following discussion, motion by Koch to hold a hearing on August 8, 2023, at 11:45 a.m. to give public notice of consideration of enacting a moratorium on solar farms. Second Mehlbrech. Roll call vote: Ayes: Koch, Liesinger, Mehlbrech, Gordon, Dick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Anna Flogstad, Staff Appraiser, was present.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

Marc Dick \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:  
Geraldyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor, McCook County